

REMARKS

Applicants previously submitted an amendment on August 12, 2003 which was to place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants received an Advisory Action on October 15, 2003 indicating that the amendment would not be entered on the grounds that it raised new issues. Applicants have prepared and filed this amendment after consulting with Examiner Chang who indicated that claims 7 and 12-15 were rejected and not objected to but allowable as being dependent from a rejected base claim as was previously indicated.

This present amendment cancels all claims except the allowed claims 17-25. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in this application.

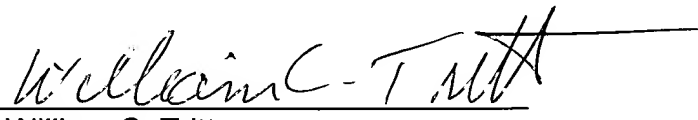
In the Amendment dated August 12, 2003, reference is made to a continuation application. Applicants for business reasons have chosen not to file a continuation application at this time. Applicants reserve the right to file such a continuation during pendency of the present application.

Applicants therefore request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

In the event any issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the claims. If any fees are required for the filing of these papers, Applicants request the Commissioner to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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